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The amendment filed on July 3, 2006 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the invention of elected Group I is drawn to "a pharmaceutical composition comprising an immunologically effective epitope of a rhesus protein, peptides of rhesus protein and their use in the manufacture of a medicament." However, Applicant has amended all remaining claims to read upon a method of tolerizing a subject, which is the invention of Group II. It is suggested that Applicant recant the election of Group I and elect Group II with the notation that all remaining claims have been amended to read upon that invention.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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